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SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT: LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT AND FINISHING
PROJECT

1. ARP HAS RECEIVED REQUEST FOR STATUS REPORT ON FINAL
SELECTION OF SUCCESSFUL BIDDER FOR YEMENI LIVESTOCK
DEVELOPMENT AND FINISHING PROJECT FINANCED BY THE WORLD
BANK AND KUWAIT FUND FOR ARAB ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

2. ACCORDING TO FIRM MAKING THE INQUIRY, ARTHUR L. FERN,
INC., ITS JOINT VENTURE WITH CHEMONICS REPRESENTS ONLY
U.S. FIRM STILL IN THE RUNNING. FERN/CHEMONICS BID WAS
DELIVERED TO MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND DIRECTOR OF
CENTRAL PLANNING MAY 22. WORLD BANK HAS ALREADY PRESSED
YEMENIS FOR A DECISION SO PROJECT CAN MOVE FORWARD, BUT
DECISION STILL PENDING. FERN/CHEMONICS FEAR, UNLESS
DECISION FORTHCOMING IN PROJECT SOON, MEMBERS OF HIGH-
POWERED TEAM FIRM HAS PUT TOGETHER TO CARRY OUT PROJECT
WILL BE FORCED TO ACCEPT OTHER ATTRACTIVE OFFERS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED - WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY INQUIRING
WITH MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND CENTRAL PLANNING DIRECTORY
AS TO WHEN A DECISION CAN BE EXPECTED IN SUBJECT PROJECT.

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